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REFERENCE:

- a. HUL-A-1103 dated 2 June 1954
- b. [] -251 dated 7 June 1954
- c. [] -260 dated 11 June 1954.

1. As in the past, [] will continue to inform both LINCOLN and Headquarters concerning those plans and activities of the Guatemalan government which come to our attention. []

2. Concerning your specific questions of reference (a):

a. we have received no information on Guatemalan attempts to obtain assistance from Guatemalans living in the frontier area;

b. all reports of alleged arm shipments to Guatemala from Mexico have been forwarded previously;

c. there have been definite indications that the Guatemalan government, through their Ambassador in Mexico, has obtained assistance, at least of a propaganda nature, from local Communist organizations. The most recent indications are set forth below (see also references (b) and (c)).

3. Using a printing establishment (Impresiones Modernas, S.A.) known to publish the works of the CTAL, Czech Legation, Pro-Paz Committee, and

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other leftist organizations, the Guatemalan Embassy contracted for the publication of 20,000 circulars attacking United States imperialism and supporting the Guatemalan government in its struggle "against Yanqui aggression". (Attachment A). These circulars were attributed to the "Juventudes Socialistas Mexicanas" (probably identical to the youth groups of the dissident Communist Party, the Partido Obrero y Campesino Mexicano) and to an unknown student alumni association. The obvious purpose of the circulars was to indicate a strong youth movement in Mexico supporting the Guatemalan government. (Source: [])

4. A further [] report, dated 11 June, states that the Guatemalan Ambassador, through one Noracio Fuentes, an employee of Impresiones Moderna, paid the printing firm for a series of circulars contracted for by the Confederacion de Jovenes Mexicanos, (a youth group controlled by Vicente Lombardo Toledano.) These circulars (Attachment B), attributed to the Federacion Nacional de Estudiantes Tecnicos, (a leftist student organization in the Instituto Politecnico Nacional and controlled by Lombardo Toledano) and "La Comision Organizadora de la Manifestacion" called for a student manifestation to be held at 10:00, 16 June, in front of the National Palace in Mexico City. The purpose of the meeting is to declare Mexican solidarity with the Guatemalan "cause" and to coerce the President into taking official sympathetic action — a plain case of the Guatemalan Embassy subsidizing manifestations by local Communist groups. [] reports that officials of Gobernacion, when apprised of the foregoing, ordered the circulars confiscated and Impresiones Moderna closed.)

5. It is also reported that a special meeting of the Partido Comunista de Mexico was held at Party Headquarters on 10 June during which the planned 16 June demonstration in front of the National Palace was discussed. The meeting was presided over by:

Amado TAM Shear, (president of the Juventud Comunista Mexicana)
Maria Luisa SEVILLA, (an instructress at the Instituto Politecnico Nacional)

Hilario MORENO, (member of the PCM Federal District Committee)
Gregorio LOPEZ Raymundo, (Spaniard, who arrived in Mexico on 4 June after deportation from Spain)

Alfredo GUERRA Borges, (Spaniard from Guatemala []
[] one Alfredo GUERRA departed Mexico for Guatemala via TACA #101 at 0155 10 June — the discrepancy is being checked).)

Action will be taken through RNSHIELD and allied organizations to break up and/or discredit the planned manifestation. (Source: [])

7. [] further reports that Dr. Emilio ROSENSTEIN, (a Communist residing at Dinamarca #20, is one of the Communist agents in Mexico who has guided the Guatemalan Communist movement. He is reported to have made weekly trips to Guatemala for months, and his sister, "Jitta", formerly an employee of the Polish Legation in Mexico, is now in Poland. (Source: [])

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